GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:62
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DELAY IN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in effecting bilateral agreements between India and other countries in aviation sector;

(b) whether the international tourists are flying down to other countries owing to non-availability of seats in flights to India due to delay in bilateral agreements;

(c) if so, the impact thereof on the profits earned by the Air India;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to take any action to expedite the process of bilateral agreements; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to part (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Lok Sabha StarredQuestion No. 62 for reply on 23.11.2000 regarding Delay in Bilateral Agreements.

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): Bilateral air services negotiations are an ongoing process to ensure the availability of adequate air seat capacity. In view of the growing gap between Demand and Supply and high loadfactors in many sectors, a number of such talks have been held during the last one year resulting in additional entitlements to keep pace with the growing traffic demand. However, there are always peak seasons when the traffic may exceed the capacity available. This extra demand is generally satisfied by operation of additional flights subject to various factors.